

The Story of the Encounter Between Isa (AS) and Yahya (AS)

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Chapter 1: The Encounter of Prophets

A Meeting of Two Prophets:

Isa (AS) once met Yahya (AS). Isa (AS) was known for his frequent cheerfulness, while Yahya (AS) was distinguished for his constant weeping.

Exchange of Counsel:

Isa (AS):

"O son of mine! Have you become so entirely despondent of the mercy of God Almighty that your weeping never ceases?"

Yahya (AS):

"O Isa! Are you so entirely secure from the wrath of God Almighty that you are always found laughing?"

Divine Intervention: The Angel's Judgement

At last, an angel appeared and conveyed a message from God Almighty to decide between them.

The Divine Instruction:

Angel:

"God Almighty has decreed thus: O Isa! Remain as you are in the company of others, but in solitude weep as Yahya does. And O Yahya! Continue as you are in solitude, but when among people, exhibit some cheerfulness, lest they despair of My mercy, thinking, 'If this is the state of a prophet, what hope of salvation remains for us?'"